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The statistics in this publication are based on a sample survey of finishing plants (broadwoven fabrics) and measure monthly trends in U.S. production, inventories, and unfilled orders for finished broadwoven fabrics. A description of the survey methodology and related information appears on page 3.

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Table 1. SUMMARY OF PRODUCTION, INVENTORY, AND BACKLOG OF FINISHING ORDERS: 1984 TO 1986

(Millions of finished linear yards)

Month and year	Cotton fabrics				Manmade fiber and silk fabrics			
	Production weekly average	Gray goods inventory	Finished goods inventory	Backlog of finishing orders	Production weekly average	Gray goods inventory	Finished goods inventory	Backlog of finishing orders
1986								
January (5 weeks)	52.3	140.9	229.1	189.3	82.0	323.0	330.9	340.4
1985								
December (5 weeks)	45.5	143.8	228.3	183.2	79.6	310.8	353.8	r349.5
November (4 weeks)	53.3	147.5	236.5	180.0	92.2	322.0	376.2	355.0
October (4 weeks)	54.5	151.5	242.7	165.7	92.1	311.4	364.7	373.5
September (5 weeks)	53.6	146.5	235.6	179.4	92.0	317.5	353.6	355.7
August (4 weeks)	50.4	123.8	249.7	166.8	79.5	344.9	344.7	328.0
July (4 weeks)	34.1	119.4	237.0	165.0	55.9	345.5	336.8	343.0
June (5 weeks)	45.1	127.2	258.6	164.0	79.3	351.8	346.7	315.6
May (4 weeks)	47.4	133.7	263.0	177.7	76.9	357.3	349.6	328.5
April (4 weeks)	48.8	137.9	266.3	187.8	77.5	362.5	341.1	326.3
March (5 weeks)	48.0	143.6	268.0	188.8	80.0	362.2	335.8	289.6
February (4 weeks)	49.9	146.6	275.9	174.6	80.1	304.6	350.9	293.2
January (4 weeks)	50.3	135.3	272.6	183.6	76.1	304.4	358.8	259.4
1984								
December (5 weeks)	43.1	133.0	275.7	189.6	74.4	310.0	353.8	260.8
November (4 weeks)	48.4	139.7	269.9	191.7	83.6	306.4	389.5	292.0
October (4 weeks)	53.0	149.8	271.6	195.8	88.4	316.1	395.8	313.4
September (5 weeks)	50.3	152.4	263.3	205.5	84.7	316.6	379.6	360.3
August (4 weeks)	52.9	151.2	263.0	187.4	89.9	318.5	408.8	388.2
July (4 weeks)	37.3	171.1	266.7	190.2	63.4	335.7	397.1	345.6
June (5 weeks)	52.0	169.0	278.6	189.2	90.7	308.9	396.0	303.5
May (4 weeks)	57.0	164.6	292.7	211.1	93.0	315.3	394.6	326.2
April (4 weeks)	54.9	167.9	290.1	227.3	90.6	300.4	390.2	335.3
March (5 weeks)	57.6	175.9	290.9	237.1	95.6	299.2	381.7	313.2
February (4 weeks)	56.7	172.6	288.2	244.8	95.7	306.3	390.4	327.4
January (4 weeks)	51.7	180.5	284.9	223.7	69.9	299.4	388.5	332.3

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Table 2. FINISHING PLANTS: PRODUCTION, INVENTORIES, AND BACKLOG OF FINISHING ORDERS

(Thousands of linear yards)

Product code	Product description	January 1986 (5 weeks)	December 1985 (5 weeks)	January 1985 (4 weeks)
	Cotton fabrics:			
22110 10	Gray goods inventory held at end of month	140,917	143,833	135,260
	Finished fabric production	261,599	224,051	201,218
	Whites and plain colors	221,443	185,331	165,284
22617 20	Whites	121,916	97,819	95,764
22617 30	Plain colors	99,527	87,512	69,520
22617 50	Prints	40,156	40,720	35,934
	Finished goods inventories held at end of month	229,067	228,335	272,629
22617 27	Whites and plain colors	171,699	170,354	203,558
22617 50	Prints	57,368	57,981	69,071
	Backlog of finishing orders	189,312	183,216	183,603
22617 27	Whites and plain colors	164,157	155,741	132,533
22617 50	Prints	25,155	27,475	51,070
	Manmade fiber and silk fabrics:			
22210 10	Gray goods inventories held at end of month	322,977	310,764	304,355
	Finished fabric production	410,008	398,106	304,561
22628 35	Whites and plain colors	318,271	309,994	237,365
22628 45	Prints	91,737	88,112	67,196
	Finished goods inventories held at end of month	330,861	352,763	358,763
22628 35	Whites and plain colors	272,178	292,352	299,334
22628 45	Prints	58,683	61,411	59,429
	Backlog of finishing orders	340,415	r349,471	259,423
22628 35	Whites and plain colors	307,525	r313,329	225,097
22628 45	Prints	32,890	36,142	34,326

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Table 3. REPORTING CALENDAR: 1986

Month	Number of weeks	Period covered
January	5	December 29 to February 1
February	4	February 2 to March 1
March	4	March 2 to March 29
April	5	March 30 to May 3
May	4	May 4 to May 31
June	4	June 1 to June 28
July	5	June 29 to August 2
August	4	August 3 to August 30
September	4	August 31 to September 27
October	5	September 28 to November 1
November	4	November 2 to November 28
December	4	November 30 to January 3, 1987

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DESCRIPTION OF SURVEY

Scope of Survey. This survey covers all plants in the United States finishing cotton and manmade fiber broadwoven fabrics.

Survey Methodology. The statistics shown in this publication were collected on Bureau of the Census monthly Form M22B, Broadwoven Fabrics Finished, from a sample of approximately 130 firms accounting for 90 percent of total U.S. output. The universe for this sample is the 1984 annual survey MA22S, Finished Broadwoven Fabrics Production. The monthly sample was selected by arraying the annual survey panel in descending order by size and then choosing a sufficient number (beginning with the largest) to yield a coverage of approximately 90 percent for each product category. Data for the small firms included in the annual survey but not selected for the monthly sample, are estimated based on their annual report and the trends of reporting firms.

Survey Error. Figures for the current month may include estimates for panel members for which reports were not received in time for tabulation. Such missing figures are "imputed" based on month-to-month movements shown by reporting firms. Imputation generally is limited to a maximum of 35 percent for any one data cell. Figures with imputation rates greater than 35 percent are footnoted.

The imputation rate is not an explicit indicator of the potential error in published figures due to nonresponse because the actual monthly movements for nonrespondents may or may not closely agree with the imputed movements. The range of difference between the actual and imputed figures is not precisely known, but is assumed to be small. The degree of uncertainty regarding the accuracy of the published data, however, increases as the percentage of imputation increases. Figures with imputation rates above 35 percent should be used with caution.

Revisions to Previous Period Data. Statistics for previous months may be revised as the result of corrected data from respondents, including the receipt of late reports for which imputations were made as described above. Figures which have been revised by more than 5 percent from previously published figures are indicated by footnotes.

Reporting Period Adjustment. The data are adjusted for the number of working days in the reporting period to compensate for differences in individual company reporting patterns, i.e., calendar month, 4-week, 5-week periods. The data are adjusted to reflect the time period shown in Table 3.

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

Broadwoven Fabrics—Cloth, except knit, over 12 inches in width as it comes off the loom.

Fabric Classification—Fabric classifications are based on the chief fiber content of the fabric by weight. Blends and mixtures which are by weight 50 percent natural fiber and 50 percent manmade fiber are classified, for purposes of consistency, in the manmade category.

Inventories—Inventory data include all fabrics located at the reporting plants regardless of the ownership of the material. Owned fabric which is held at private or public warehouses is also included. Gray goods "in process" of being finished are reported as finished goods inventory. Inventories of fabricated textile products such as sheets, towels, pillowcases, etc., are excluded.

Backlog of Finishing Orders—Includes the backlog of orders for finishing of cotton and manmade fiber fabrics. Plants which finish for their own account include unfilled orders for finished fabric.

RELATED REPORTS

An annual Current Industrial Report, MA22S, *Broadwoven Fabrics Finished,* also is published in this series. The annual report provides detailed information on finished fabric by type of fabric and shows revisions in the monthly series for both the current and previous year. It also provides a single reference copy to replace the monthly publications.

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MA22M	Biennially	*Stocks of Wool and Related Fibers*
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